

Refugee Participants

A. Purpose of Procedure

A refugee is an individual who has been forced to leave his or her country due to such reasons as war, political reasons, religious persecution, or natural disaster. Refugees fear returning to their country for fear of being harmed.

B. Scope of the Procedure

There are no specific regulatory barriers to participation in the WIC Program for individuals who are refugees.

C. General Procedure

In many instances, refugees may not have a permanent place to live and therefore may be considered homeless. The WIC food package may be tailored to accommodate the unique needs of homeless participants.

Familiarity with refugee assistance agencies can be helpful for outreach and assisting refugee participants.

Policies that may be helpful when serving refugee participants include “Food Package Nutrition Tailoring”, “Outreach” and “Homeless Participants”.